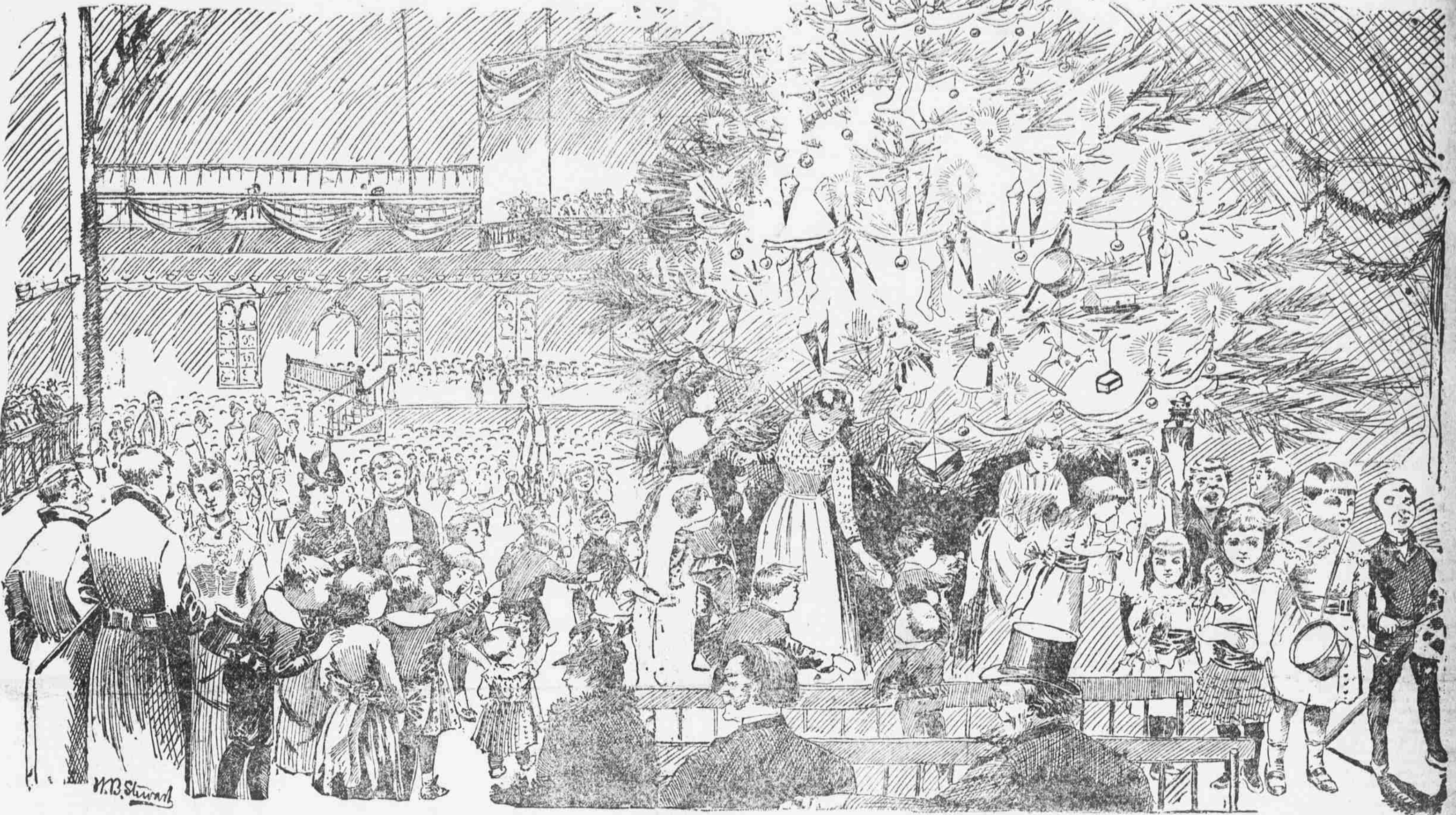


**PALACE RINK, BROOKLYN—ONE OF "THE EVENING WORLD'S" SEVEN CHRISTMAS-TREE PARTIES.**



**SEVEN LOVE-LADEN TREES.**

Thirty Thousand Happy Children at  
"The Evening World" Christmas Parties.

Scenes of Pathos and Childish Gladness.

Christmas is come and gone. The pleasures of its anticipation and the joys of realization have been realized. Its surprises and its love tokens have all been enjoyed, and now is the time for the reaction that as surely follows every epoch of life as does the night the day.

The great master of English fiction reflected once that we were all either going to the theatre or coming home—quite different things in their effect upon the spirits.

But those kindly-hearted, generous readers of THE EVENING WORLD who contributed so magnanimously to the brightening of the holiday to 30,000 children born to humble and poverty-stricken lives should feel less of this inevitable reaction than any others on earth. Their substantial contributions combined went to make up THE EVENING WORLD Christmas-Tree Fund—the noblest fund conceivable. With its toys and sweets and serviceable gifts were distributed to an array of little girls and boys who otherwise would have thought of Christmas only as a stinging reminder of how few were their blessings in this work-a-day world.

It is a big grammar school in your neighborhood, go and see the children screaming out at the close of the day's session. They make a mighty noisy procession, and fill the whole block with their shouts. Yet there were twenty times as many children served with the gifts of Santa Claus from the seven EVENING WORLD Christmas trees in New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City.

Consider again that a complete regiment of soldiers, numbering 1,000, in a brigade of 3,000 while the army or poor children to whom THE EVENING WORLD readers were the only embodiment of Kris Kringle was equal in numbers to thirty regiments or ten brigades.

All of Uncle Sam's forces actually engaged in the battle of Fredericksburg or the second battle of Bull Run were not equal in numbers to the army of children.

A city numbering 30,000 souls is a great city in America.

There were but 20,000 invitations to the Christmas parties issued to the late-late-late and hungry-eyed children whose Christmas was otherwise unprovided for, but when the tickets had all been taken at

the doors of the several halls it was found that there were still left little girls which had been provided by the readers of the EVENING WORLD, and many little boys and girls were standing with tearful faces just outside the precincts of King Santa's Court. And so the kindly saint smiled jovially and cried out, "Let them in!" and at every hall a second troop of the small warriors of love filed in and received largess from the store provided.

At Apollo Hall in Clinton street, the very centre of a great tenement-house district, there were still in the street a horde of ragged and half-famished little ones after the 3,000 children who had received tickets had been served, and Dr. Julia H. Lombard, who had managed the party there with infinite tact, looking out of the windows at the upturned, wan little faces, bustled and blustered about in a pretty feminine way, just as a man does when he is ashamed at being heart-touched and sympathetic.

Gentle Dr. Lombard looked over the reduced stock of Christmas joys, arranged it again, and then issued the order to "let them in!"

The doors were swung apart once more and the 700 little chaps rushed in, pell-mell.

Every one received something substantial besides the kindly word from the woman whose management had lured the community into the Christmas store allotted to her in such fashion that no child need go away empty-handed.

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Christmas Eve have been served, by the several committees with the choicest gifts accumulated from all quarters and saved especially for them, and the money and goods still remaining will be disposed of among other needy and deserving children who failed to get out on Christmas, as rapidly as possible, so that the joys of Christmas will extend to all the little chaps for whose benefit the Fund was created.

Mrs. Julia H. Percy, of The Woman's Club, had command of the forces at the Palace Rink, Brooklyn, and here was held the biggest party of all. Every one of the 3,000 tickets, entitling the holder to a present, was presented at the door, and the distribution continued until 1 o'clock.

Here, as at the other parties, discrimination was made in the distribution. The fairly well clothed child of moderate prosperity was given some trifling toy with his or her box of candy, while upon the children of abject poverty were lavished richer gifts. Presents of clothing as well as toys were distributed, and no child's longing heart was left unsatisfied.

Yet when all the little ones had been served and the rink was deserted again, Mrs. Percy will be remaining a number of presents. She and her committee will distribute them during the week to children who were overlooked or unable to attend the party, and not an item, not a penny shall be wasted or diverted from the intent of THE EVENING WORLD'S host of givers.

**BABY BEATRICE'S CHRISTMAS.**

Robert Ray Hamilton Remembered the Little One Generously.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Baby Beatrice, the innocent white-headed, chubby-faced child of an ambitious, scheming woman's downfall, and of the exposure of the snitch on the name of one of the most prominent families in the country, had a jolly Christmas yesterday.

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**GIVE THE FUND A BOOM.**

It Should Be Much Larger by Jan. 8.

The World's Fair Site to be Decided Then.

The holidays are drawing to a close, and before many days have passed the Congressmen will begin trooping back to Washington, and the World's Fair will again be the subject of discussion.

While the holidays are a great barrier to the Finance Committee's efforts to keep before the public the fact that on Jan. 8 the Senate Committee will meet to discuss the bill, and the World's Fair will again be the subject of discussion.

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**EXTRA  
2 O'CLOCK.  
THE CYCLONE!**

Syracuse Is Visited by a Death-Dealing Storm.

Street Car Stables Blown Down and Several Persons Killed.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

SYRACUSE, Dec. 22.—A terrific storm of the nature of a cyclone burst upon this city this morning.

The wind was fearful, and has undoubtedly done extensive damage.

Telegraph and telephone wires are in bad shape and communication is difficult.

At this time the most serious casualty reported is the blowing down of the stables of the People's line of street railways.

Several persons are said to have been killed and injured.

The storm was moving eastward.

It was accompanied by electrical disturbances.

There are vague rumors that other buildings have been blown down in various parts of the city.

OUR SHARE OF THE STORM.

and for a time almost midnight darkness prevailed.

Sergt. Dunn, of Uncle Sam's weather prophecy bureau, said New York would not be visited by much of the electrical storm, though perhaps there might be a few flashes of lightning and some thunder, but that would be all.

Even as he was speaking there was a vivid lightning flash and a succeeding roll of thunder.

The cause for all this said the Sergeant is easily explained.

"The e is a cold wave now advancing from the lake regions, which will probably make itself felt here to-night."

"One warm belt, whose temperature averages about 60 degrees, begins at Pittsburgh and extends south as far as Florida and west nearly to the lake."

"Another, with an average temperature of 59 degrees, is central over the New England States. Its western boundary is just this side of Lake Erie."

The State line between Georgia and Florida, arriving six days overdue, reports meeting the electrical storm in mid-ocean and having suffered great damage from it.

Capt. John Alden says he has crossed the Atlantic over one hundred times and has never experienced such fearful weather before.

The steamer came in battered and torn in half a dozen places. Sea swept her fore and aft during nearly the entire voyage, and she practically came over under water.

The State of Georgia left Glasgow on Dec. 7. At midnight on Dec. 11 it blew a hurricane, and at 2 o'clock on the following night a huge wave struck the ship and crushed in her bow. She was easily as though the craft were made of paper.

On Dec. 14 vessel took on a heavy load of lightning and great balls of fire rained through the yards and around the masts, leaving the vessel a mass of splinters.

Another immense wave boarded the steamer about 3 o'clock on the morning of Dec. 15. It smashed the bow, and carried away 20 feet of rail on the starboard side of the bridge-house, spring the fore gangway and tore off the rail on the break (rear) of the forecastle.

A couple of hours later a wave dashed by McGilroy, a seaman, against the forecastle and injured his leg so badly that he was laid up for two or three days.

Three hours after this accident happened another relentless sea tore away 10 feet of the heading on the port bow.

Now set in in the afternoon and the sea washed the vessel from stem to stern. Their force can be imagined when it is learned that they cracked the small thick glass ports which serve as windows in low and stern. This was the worst day of the voyage.

**J. R. DOS PASSOS THROWN.**

His Skull Fractured, by a Fall from His Horse.

Taken to His Home and His Life Almost Despaired Of.

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His friends quickly gathered him up, and he was conveyed in a carriage to the Normandie Hotel, where hastily summoned physicians found that his skull had been fractured at the base.

He revived, however, and seemed to be getting along nicely. So much did he improve that he was removed to New York, where his improvement continued. The wound healed up, and on Monday evening he attended the theatre.

But on Tuesday morning he was very sick, and the present surgeons in attendance found that under the healed cut was gathering an immense sack of pus, which was in danger of discharging upon the brain.

This morning the physicians were obliged to confess that inflammation of the brain had set in and that Mr. Dos Passos was in a very precarious condition.

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